**Openness**

**When you open your hand,**

**they are filled with good things.**

***(Psalm 104:28)***

**Opening their treasure chests,**

**they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.**

***(St. Matthew 2:11)***

**I have lived in this world just long enough to look carefully the second time into things that I am the most certain of the first time. *(Josh Billings)***

**An open mind is all very well in its way, but it ought not to be so open that there is no keeping anything in or out of it. It should be capable of shutting its doors sometimes, or it may be found a little drafty. *(Samuel Butler)***

**An open mind, like an open mouth, should close on something. *(G. K. Chesterton)***

**An open mind collects more riches than an open purse. *(Will Henry, Chicago Tribune-New York News Syndicate)***

**My cousin, who had just opened his dental practice, was dismayed when his mother told him she was embroidering a Bible verse to hang on the wall of his waiting room. "Mom, you just don't put Bible verses in dentists' offices," he groaned. His mother assured him that he would like it. He did. The verse his mother had chosen was Psalm 81:10: ". . . open thy moth wide, and I will fill it." *(Mary Rose Jensen, in Reader's Digest)***

**For a long time I tried to get my teenage son to pick up his dirty clothes. The cardboard carton I gave him for his laundry soon overflowed, so I took an old hamper, spray-painted it his favorite color -- green -- and put it in his room. The next time I checked, dirty clothes were once again strewn over the floor. Exasperated, I asked my son why he hadn't used the hamper. "But, Mom," he protested. "It's never open." *(Virginia L. Pine, in Reader's Digest)***

**The job of a citizen is to keep his mouth open. *(Gunter Grass)***

**You can judge your age by the amount of pain you feel when you come in contact with a new idea. (*John Nuveen, quoted in Forbes magazine)***

**People are very open-minded about new things -- as long as they're exactly like the old ones. *(Charles F. Kettering, inventor)***

**Open meetings often reveal a lot of closed minds. *(Joe Browne, in Pittsburgh Post-Gazette)***

**By all means let's be open-minded, but not so open-minded that our brains drop out. *(Richard Dawkins, scientist)***

**Too many people get credit for being good, when they are only being passive. They are too often praised for being broad-minded, when they are so broad-minded they can never make up their minds about anything. *(Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen)***

**The trouble with having an open mind, of course, is that people will insist on coming long and trying to put things in it. *(Terry Pratchett, author)***

**Between dogma on one hand and skepticism on the other, there's another way -- open-minded uncertainty. *(General Features Corporation)***

**To be a good human being is to have a kind of openness to the world, the ability to trust uncertain things beyond your own control that can lead you to be shattered. *(Martha Nussbaum, philosopher)***

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